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## **Statement of Rep. Pete Stark In Support of Federal Funding for Stem Cell Research**

Madam Speaker, this bill to allow federal funding for stem cell research involves a simple question: should we use frozen cells to help millions of Americans with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and diabetes, or throw them away and claim moral superiority?

A supermajority of the American people wants to advance medical science. Congress has already passed this same legislation only to be met with President Bush's veto. Because we know that the President never lets the facts get in the way of his decisions, we know he won't change his mind. It is up to a handful of Republicans to say yes to the voters and no to the Christian Right so we can pass this bill by a veto-proof majority.

I urge my colleagues to prove that they heeded the message of the recent election to stop posturing and start passing common-sense legislation.